



## GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION OF TEMPORARY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE

The Evaluation Committee of the Malaysian Medical Council is constituted under Section 4E of the Medical Act 1971 and *Regulation 23 of the Medical Regulations 2017* for the purpose of evaluation and registration of medical practitioners in accordance with the Council's power under section 4A (2)(d) of the Medical Act *which is "to approve or refuse any application for registration or certification in accordance with this Act or Regulations."*

All applications shall be submitted through the Medical Register Information and Technical System (MeRITS) (<https://merits.mmc.gov.my/>)

### EVALUATION COMMITTEES

1. There shall be two Evaluation Committees established by the Council, i.e.
  - a) Evaluation Committee for Primary Medical Qualifications (ECPMQ/JKP1);
  - b) Evaluation Committee for Specialist Medical Qualifications (ECSMQ/JKP2).
2. Both Evaluation Committees shall **make recommendations** to the Council, which may affirm, reverse, or vary its recommendations, provided that the Council shall provide reasons, to be recorded, for any reversal or variation.

### TEMPORARY PRACTISING CERTIFICATES (TPC)

- a) Registered medical practitioners outside Malaysia who intend to enrol in post-graduate courses, clinical attachment, receive or provide training, the duration of which is less than ONE (1) year, shall apply for TPC. If the intended duration exceeds one (1) year, applicants shall apply for full registration.
- b) TPC shall not be issued for employment purposes and should not exceed the total period of one (1) year.
- c) All TPC applications should be made by a supervisor who is a registered medical practitioner with a valid Annual Practising Certificate and who shall be responsible for the applicant.

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- d) A complete application shall be submitted at least six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of intended practice.
- e) The council may impose any conditions or restrictions on the practice of an applicant.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- a) The applicants should be fully registered with a foreign Medical Council or Professional Licensing Authority in the country where they are currently practising;
- b) Applicants are certified to be of good standing by the current national medical regulatory authority or an equivalent certification deemed sufficient by the Council. All applicants shall ensure that letters of good standing are sent directly to the Council by the relevant medical authority from their last country of practice.
- c) All TPC applications shall have primary source verification certificate of the medical degree and postgraduate degree in the first instance by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), Dataflow, or any other organization approved by the Council. The onus is on the applicants to approach these organizations to undertake primary source verification at their own expense and for these organizations to send the relevant reports directly to the Council.
- d) Applicants shall provide evidence of professional indemnity cover for the period applied for.
- e) Applicants shall provide additional documentary evidence as required (Checklist: Application for Temporary Practising Certificate).

\* Malaysian Medical Council reserves the right to consider any applications under exceptional circumstances.

Endorsed by the Malaysian Medical Council on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## CHECKLIST FOR TEMPORARY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE

All applications shall be accompanied by the following documents.

NOTE 1: All documents must be certified in accordance with the Council's [Guidelines for Document Verification](#)

NOTE 2: Fee of RM500 (per certificate) shall be made for each application submitted to [Medical Register Information and Technical System](#) (MeRITS)

(i)	<b>The following documents need to be uploaded into MeRITS:</b>	
	a) Certified true copy of passport	
	b) Certified true copy of basic medical degree	
	c) Certified true copy of postgraduate degree(s) where applicable	
	d) Translation of basic medical and postgraduate degree if the original certificate is not in Bahasa Malaysia or English and Translated documents are only acceptable if carried out by qualified translators such as Institut Terjemahan dan Buku Malaysia (ITBM) or officers of the appropriate Embassy	
	e) Certified true copy of full registration from medical regulatory authority in <b><i>the country where</i></b> the applicant last practised	
	f) Evidence of professional indemnity covering the duration of TPC within Malaysia	
	g) Official letter from the receiving institution to Malaysian Medical Council	
	h) Complete information of the event (including programmes and list of participants)	
	i) A statutory declaration, where applicable (If name in the documents in different from passport)	
	j) Certified true copy of offer letter from institution	
k) Current curriculum vitae which includes:		
1) Summary of hospitals/institutions worked in;		
2) Summary and evidence of training received, and competencies attained;		

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	<p>3) Professional work experience (clinical, research and/or academic where applicable);</p> <p>Continuing Professional Development activities or updating of skills</p>	
	l) A testimonial from the last place of work	

(ii)	<b>Other requirements:</b>	
	a) A current and original Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing/Professional Standing from medical regulatory/licensing authority in the country where the applicant last practised	
	b) All applicants with qualifications obtained outside Malaysia shall have primary source verification certificate of the medical degree in the first instance by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), Dataflow, or any other organization approved by the Council. The onus is on the applicants to approach these organizations to undertake primary source verification at their own expense and for these organizations to send the relevant reports directly to the Council.	